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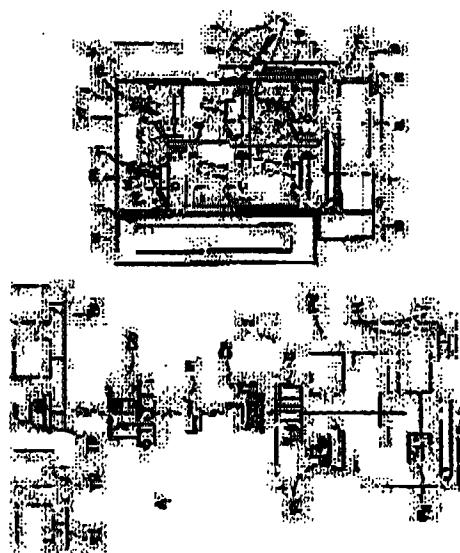
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(54) MEDICINE BAG PRINTER

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To shorten the waiting time for preparation of medicine by connecting the output side of a host computer connected to the input side of a terminal computer provided in a plurality of medical departments to a plurality of printers through a controller.

CONSTITUTION: When prescriptions are inputted from terminal computers T₁–T_n provided in each medical department to a host computer (ch), a controller C generates output for printers P₁–P_n to which medicine bags Y₁–Y_n of suitable sizes have been supplied according to the medication of prescriptions, whereby the printers automatically print data, such as names of patients, application method, etc., on the bags. A transfer device H is connected to paper delivery parts 3 of each of the printers P₁–P_n to accumulate the printed bags Y₁–Y_n in a bag discharge part 4. Further, by controlling the operation of the printers



and the device H, bags Y1-Yn for one patient are nearly simultaneously printed and timing for discharging the printed bags from the printers is controlled. Since bags are printed in the order of the prescriptions inputted into the computer (ch), the bags are accumulated in the order of reception of prescription. As a result, waiting time for medication of patients can be made shorter.

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